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6 November 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- October 1986

I. GENERAL

The State Department has decided to forego any effort in the near future to purchase or build a new American chancery in Israel under the so-called Inman package. Legislation has been passed by Congress and signed by the President that stipulates that any new chancery must be built within a defined distance of the Israeli Knesset, i.e., within Jerusalem, which is contrary to U.S. Government policy. As a result of this turn of events, the Department is sending a large team of experts to Tel Aviv in November to survey the current chancery to determine how it can be retrofitted for the near-term. Some components may have to be moved out to provide sufficient space for the remaining components. Other components may move [redacted] The bureau has advised the Embassy that it must move fast on this question, as the building is rapidly filling up. It is great to be able to say that, yes, FBIS was "ahead of the curve," and has set the pace for other mission components on this issue. STAT

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. One month after the disappearance of NVOI, the Iranian clandestine radio National Voice of Iran, Persian Monitor [redacted] recognized the voice of one of the announcers on the new Moscow Radio Peace and Progress programs in Persian and Azeri as belonging to one of the NVOI announcers. Following additional checks, [redacted] was able to confirm that the announcers were one and the same, thus helping to explain the sudden disappearance of NVOI. STAT

2. The long-awaited Israeli government rotation, involving a transfer of the premiership from Shim'on Peres (Alignment) to Yitzhaq Shamir (Likud), took place on 20 October. While the process was delayed several days by disputes over the composition of the new cabinet, the actual transfer of power proceeded smoothly, confounding several observers who predicted a breakdown of the coalition.

3. Yom Kippur, the Jewish 'day of atonement,' began at sunset on 12 October and ended at sunset the next day. Only police and emergency vehicles are allowed on the streets during this time, Israeli radio and television are shut down, and no newspapers are published. Because of the difficulty in getting bureau staff to and from the office during this period, a skeleton staff was picked to work both the evening shift on the 12th and an extended dayshift the next day. This team was quartered in the Dan Hotel, within walking distance of the bureau.

B. Cruising

Cruising Monitor [] conducted the biannual cruising survey of Moscow frequencies following the introduction of primary fall and winter changes on 28 September. STAT

C. Technical

1. The bureau engineer and technicians have installed nine Extel Comscribe RO's sent by ESG to replace the old Extel units, which will be forwarded to Nicosia.

2. The bureau's two IBM-PC's were upgraded from 320K to 640K RAM, using memory chips furnished by ADD.

3. One Epson FX85 printer was received from ADD and connected to the Commo Section's IBM-PC/XT.

III. ADMINISTRATION**A. Personnel**

1. The State Department approved an Embassy proposal for an annual basic salary increase of NIS 300 for foreign national employees effective 1 September 86. This wage adjustment was premised on the agreement by the Histadrut and the employers' organization to grant all private sector employees a wage increase as a partial offset to the 7-10 percent increase granted in September to all public sector employees. The NIS 300/year increase, however, averages only some 1 percent for Embassy local employees. The Embassy will conduct its annual salary check in November.

2. Teletypist [] was promoted to FBN 5-1 effective 28 September. STAT

B. Building and Grounds

1. With the bureau's first year of occupancy in the [] building coming to an end in late September, bureau staff and building construction company representatives conducted a final inspection tour of the bureau to point out items needing repair under the warranty agreement. The building contractor has begun to make the repairs. STAT

2. As required by the bureau lease, representatives of the [] building construction company informed the bureau that a tenant in the building planned to erect a transmitting antenna on the building roof for a Motorola 2-way radio installation. Concerned that the transmitting antenna might interfere with the bureau's nearby receiving antennas, bureau staff met with the tenant and representatives of the construction company. The parties discussed possible locations for the antenna, the potential for interference, and other issues. The bureau has obtained the technical specifications for the installation and asked ESG to provide guidance on antenna location, whether to request installation of filters, and likelihood of interference. While the bureau has no final right of veto over installations on most of the roof area and must rely ultimately on the good will of the tenant and the construction company, these parties have been cooperative. STAT

IV. VISITS

Jordan Bureau technician [] to the bureau 8 October, while on private travel. [] was given a detailed briefing and orientation.

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Cruising Monitor [] to the U.S. 13 October on R&R.

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Austria Bureau Hungarian Monitor [] to the bureau 21 October, while on private travel.

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Deputy Chief [] returned to duty from R&R 26 October.

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Editor [] to Europe on R&R 26 October.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

[] attended a day-long orientation session in Jerusalem on 16 October, part of a 2-day program provided to all newly arrived mission personnel. The orientation, which included a briefing by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's personal advisor and a walking tour of the Old City, took place the morning after a terrorist grenade attack near the Wailing Wall killed 1 person and injured 68. On the 16th, however, the plaza by the Wailing Wall, one of the stopping points on the walking tour, was probably the most secure place in the entire Middle East.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

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cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for October 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	165510
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	60140
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	539

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7643.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	7840
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	0
Clandestine Free Voice of Iran in Persian	240
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	0
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	2000
Clandestine Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	990

CYPRUS

Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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GREECE

Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	40110
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	10630		
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	2800		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1270		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	11700		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			8670
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			0
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			970
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			1650
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			860
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Spanish			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			16960
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			1350
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			2610
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			3950
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			420
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			310
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			7140
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			4760

SOVIET UNION

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Turkish	0		
Moscow in			
Dari	0		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in			
Turkish	27600		
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
Turkish		2290	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
English		8150	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
French		240	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in			
Turkish			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR OCT . 19 86 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 165,510 (223,360)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 60,140 (60,930)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 7,279 (9,476)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 15,510 on 3.10.86
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,000 on 25.10.86
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 12 HOURS, 2.3 PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 12 HOURS, 2.3 PERCENT.
OUTAGES:

12 October - Scheduled	<input type="text"/>	outage	STAT
19 October - Scheduled	<input type="text"/>	outage	
26 October - Maintenance work at embassy	<input type="text"/>		STAT

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 930

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.